

L. H. J. We do report that We have examined all the Laws We can find in the Secretaries Office made in the Time of the Lord Baltmore's Government and do not find any Law made in that Year to that Purpose nor any other Except one Law made at a Sessions of Assembly in the yeare 1640 And one other Law made in the year 1649 which Laws We lay before your Excy and Hon<sup>rs</sup> for your Perusall the one recorded in W H folio 8 and the other in a Parchment covered Book folio 147.

By the upper House of Assembly, June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1717.

Gent: On reading the within report 'tis the Opinion of this House that there ought to be Law to Punish the Countifeiters of his Lpp's greater Seale Privy Seale, or sign manuall or any other of the Publick Seales of this Province and leave it to your Consideracon in what manner to bring in the Bill.

Signed p Order Jn<sup>o</sup> Beard Cl: Upp<sup>r</sup> Ho:

Ordered the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill Accordingly.

M<sup>r</sup> Bordley from the Committee of Laws delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Bill Ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of tobacco hh<sup>ds</sup> &c. which was read the first Time and Ordered a Second Reading to Morrow morning.

Sent to the upper House by Cap<sup>t</sup> Codd & M<sup>r</sup> Young the following Message Viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1717.

May it Please Yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup>

We have duly inspected and Perused the Act for the Better Security of the Peace and Safety of his Lpp's Government &c. menconed in Yours p Coll. Addison and find by the Preamble that the Intent and meaning thereof is Exprest to be for the Excludeing all Persons from the executing any the Judiciall and Ministeriall Offices of the Government who shall not Qualifie themselves according to that Act, And that the Prohibition in the body of the Act is that in Case any person or persons whatsoever shall presume to execute or enjoy any Such Office Deputacon or Trust Contrary to the true Intent and meaning of that Act that then they are Lyable to the Penalties therein mencōned. Upon which We are humbly of Opinion that any Trust in Private Affairs can never be presumed to be within the Intent and Meaning of that Act but are Sufficiently exempted by the Express Words thereof And therefore we Concurr with the Opinion of your House.

Signed p Order Mic. Jenifer Cl Lo. Ho.